

# MINUTES



## Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center  
2300 13th Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404  
September 25, 2018 5:30-8pm

### Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Call Meeting to Order at 5:53pm

### Old Business

#### 3. Door prize raffles

- There was a question as to whether employees who are not on the clock are able to sign up for the door prize raffle
- GAPP General Administration says that employees may not accept gifts

#### Roll Call:

##### *Term ends June 2019*

X	Lisa Bellanger
X	Jean Howard
X	Shannon Nordby
X	Diana Sanders
X	Avery Wind

##### *Term ends 2020*

X	Carrie Day Aspinwall
X	Valerie Larsen

Attendance: approximately 18 band members + 7 LIC + 0 RTC  
Door prize winners: Jayne Fairbanks and Daryl McFarlane each won a pound of Leech Lake wild rice.

### New Business

#### 4. Open Discussion from the Floor – Please share questions, concerns relevant to the Twin City Area

- John Blessing talked about how many band members there are in the cities. Why do we not have rice available for band members in the cities? The value of rice for our band members is immeasurable. Spiritually this is off track and the taste doesn't measure up.
  - Frances Butler was able to respond to this question: TCO will be opening an account at Woodlands bank, utilizing the safe in the office and getting the rice down here. Burton Howard said that it wasn't a good crop of rice this year. We should know soon how much rice we are able to get soon.
  - It will be only available to band members. The funds will be deposited daily into the account at Woodlands. There will be a limit as to how much rice you can buy due to the poor rice supply this year. There will only be certain people handling the rice.
  - Holidays will be an issue – everyone gets a pound of rice up and a turkey up north. Frances also shared that she will be working with Tony Novak about rice for thanksgiving.
  - Avis Poupart suggests that we call Rich Robinson and ask what the allocation will be for band members.
- Patty Lafontaine shared that this this was an awesome annual picnic. Patty was able to invite many of the foster families. Unfortunately, there was a family that wasn't

allowed to pick up backpacks for four foster children because the family wasn't able to supply enrollment number.

- Patty was able to follow up with Frances who was able to contact Mike Chosa.
- A great suggestion from Frances includes that employees/LIC will have nametags during future events so that families can identify someone who can help.
- Budget goals by Carrie Day Aspinwall include that we make a yearly plan for events and the budget needs that go along with the events. If we need to do fundraising, then we will do it.
- D suggested that we ask RTC Members send a message along and have a band member read it at the LIC meeting.

## 5. Tribal Council

### a) Chairperson

- Not present

### b) District 1

- Not present

### c) District 2

- Michelle Losh was present

### d) District 3

- Not present

### e) Secretary Treasurer

- Not present

## 6. Patricia Bittner – Methamphetamine Policing Coordinator LLTPD

- Patricia Bittner came with a team (Darla Johnson and Cassandra Tapio) and they put on “Healing Expos” – their team went to all the districts to hear from band members and found that those who were struggling with addictions were able to access resources almost like a one stop shop. For example, the expo can provide IDs, Narcan training, naloxone kit giveaway and drug identification training. Do we want to have an expo in the Twin Cities? Yes!
  - Jayne mentioned that it would be great to have fentanyl testing strips to share with band members.
  - Carrie suggested that we have a conference call to share ideas on what resources we would each need to bring.

- Lisa Bellanger shared that her car was stolen and someone made meth in the car. How can it be cleaned? Patty suggested that Lisa use an oxidizer to clean, depending on the amount of residue.
- Jean Howard suggested that the event happen at an event where there would be a lot of band members. Maybe at the quarterly? (This won't work because it would take a lot longer and the requisitions won't turn around that fast.) Up north they used flyers, social media and the radio to advertise.
- Shannon asked if this would be able to be opened up to other bands and reservations? Patricia responded that, yes, it would be open to other bands, reservations and non-band members.
- The possible timeline could be out a few months on this.

## 7. Reports of

### a) LIC

- Carrie reported: We are working to shape the LIC meetings and information shared that it be relevant to the Twin Cities. Each report will be 5-10 minutes or written and handed out.
- We met at a mid-month meeting to set the agenda for each LIC meeting. This month we met and began work to update the by-laws for the Twin Cities Local Indian Council. We realized that we will need to include band members so that they can share feedback. Previously, Howard White mentioned that he was interested and included Maryanna Harstad to be a part of this work.

### b) TCO

- Frances Butler is right in the middle of completing her budget.
- The Circle meetings are Wednesdays from 3-4 pm.
  - Jean Howard asked if we can hire someone to do a Rule 25 at TCO. Frances is working to find out if this is possible.
  - Carrie Day Aspinwall asked if Frances would be willing to share the report that she prepares for the RTC. Frances said that she would be willing to share the report, ie anything that you can share in regards to the work of the TCO.

### c) TCO Elder Advocate

- Avis was present.
- Christmas party, Avis wants to share money for an Elder's Christmas dinner and some gifts. We must meet on this as soon as possible.

d) ICWA – Cheyenne Kingbird

- Not present

**Handouts:**

- August 2018 Minutes

**Next Meeting/LIC Endorsed Events:**

- October 30, 2018, 5:30-8 pm *Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting*  
Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center  
2300 15th Avenue South | Minneapolis, MN | 55404

Adjourned approximately 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary/Treasurer